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Given the breadth of the independent claims due to the definitions of the sequences which includes sequences of anything from 26% identity upwards, the initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claim(s) may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of the claim(s) is impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to methods of screening using SEQ ID No.12.

Present claims 1-4 relate to an extremely large number of possible methods. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is not to be found, as the description merely represents a theoretical approach and does not exemplify the invention in practice. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely methods of screening using SEQ ID No.12.

Present claims 5-8 relate to a reagent and uses therefor defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely that the reagewnt has been identified using the screening methods of claims 1-4.

The claims cover all reagents having this characteristic or property, including known compounds (page 38 line 25) whereas the application provides does not provide support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for a single reagent as no specific reagents are identified. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product/compound/method/apparatus by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the use of SEQ ID No.12.

Other documents relating to disclosure concerning transient receptor potential channels have also been added to the search report in order to illustrate the state of the art. However the list is not exhaustive and further documents may become relevant when the subject matter of the claims has been amended to overcome the above objections.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8 (partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.12 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.13 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.14 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

4. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.15 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

5. claims: 1-8 (partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.16 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

6. claims: 1-8 (partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.17 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

7. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.18 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

8. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.19 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

9. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.20 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

10. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel encoding the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No.21 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said agent, use of composition comprising said agent.

11. claims: 1-8 (partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.1 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

12. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.2 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

13. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.3 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

14. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.4 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

15. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.5 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

16. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.6 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

17. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.7 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

18. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.8 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

19. claims: 1-8(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.9 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

20. claims: 1-18(partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.10 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

21. claims: 1-8 (partially)

Method of screening comprising contacting a test compound with a polynucleotide for human transient receptor channel comprising SEQ ID No.11 or complement, derivative or fragment thereof, reagent so identified, composition containing said reagent, use of composition comprising said reagent.

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